Dear Howard, 4/10/77

Your 4/13 story on Lane and Policoff is what I'd heard before, attributed to Kevin, perhaps, or from Jerry or both. I'm pretty sure Jerry did tell me. I have no trouble believing it. It does not bother me except as it could because Jerry had anything to do with so evil a work and stinking a person. When you read what Lane did with Jerry's Rockilfeller file you'll see for yourself. He tried to make Jerry look a hero with it.

He called me in advance of the Ultmans broadcast. As I now recall that was the morning of the 4th. I prepared a him. All those things you attribute to him I gave him for him to use even though he had said he'd decided not to do the show.

I did not know of the dell-Epstein mutual hatred, if it is factual, but I told Jerry about the $5,000 dell got for that interview.

The Dallas reporting has been good. This time I've been getting it promptly.

What Jerry did with it, if it is as good as it could have been, has little meaning.

It reached fewer people that any news account in the print press. The people it reached are not people who can make any difference.

And it merely repeated what was printed.

If there is nothing wrong with this it also means little if anything.

What can be significant is missing in your account of his report to you: what Lane and Ultmans said.

We will never know what pushed dell that little bit too far.

Jerry has his own committee hangup. He has never been right about it or good in his writing about it or even fair in his appearances about it. Given these circumstances it is self-serving to lay the suicide on Epstein and on him alone.

And this is to say that he becomes more understandable.

Best,

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